

references relating to possible solutions to that problem.”). In this instance, the Office Action has not pointed to any evidence in the record that the skilled artisan would be led to make the modification. Notwithstanding the above, in order to facilitate prosecution hereof, the claims have been amended to include the allowable subject matter and, thereby, place the instant Application in allowable form.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that each of the claims is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections, along with a favorable response, are earnestly requested.

If appropriate, please charge charge/credit any additional, necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (8X8S.203PA).

Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at 651/686-6633.

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CLAIMS SECTION SHOWING MARKED UP CHANGES 09/114,668

1. (Amended) A circuit arrangement for controlling audio signal transmissions for a communications system that includes a microphone and a video camera, comprising:
 - a video processor configured and arranged to receive a video signal from the video camera, detect movement of an object in the video signal, provide a motion-indicating signal indicating movement relative to the object; and
 - an audio processor coupled to the video processor and configured and arranged to modify and mute the audio signal to be transmitted responsive to the motion-indicating signal.

13. (Amended) A method for audio signal and video signal processing, comprising:
 - receiving a video signal from a video camera;
 - receiving an audio signal from a microphone;
 - detecting movement of an object in the video signal;
 - providing a motion-indicating signal to an audio signal processor when movement of the object is detected;
 - modifying the audio signal in response to the motion-indicating signal; and
 - providing a muted audio signal when no motion is detected.